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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants offer the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability (dated March 28, 2006).

Even though the application includes two independent formulations of the invention, the Reasons for Allowance only loosely paraphrase claim 1. However, claim 1 should be interpreted only by the features present therein, and not by the Examiner's paraphrasing. Applicants submit these comments to ensure that claim 1 is interpreted *solely* by the term used therein.

Furthermore, independent claims 16 does *NOT* recite the terms "latching device" and "the latching device is actuated by a switching shaft." Thus, the Reasons for Allowance should not in anyway affect claim 16, and this claim should be construed only based upon features recited therein.

Applicants agreed that each of independent claims 1 and 16 is patentable over the prior art. However, each claim should be interpreted only based upon the terms used therein. Applicants submit these comments to ensure the claims are not unduly limited, in anyway, by the Reasons for Allowance.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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